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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OREP, (WOLFF, LESTER)
SUBJECT: CODEL WOLFF

REF : STATE 60986

1. MORNING MARCH 19, PRIOR RECEIPT REFTEL, I MET WITH INDONESIAN
AMBASSADOR TO US RUSMIN NURYADIN WHO RETURNED PREVIOUS DAY FROM
VISIT TO EAST TIMOR. HE INFORMED ME HE HAD TELEPHONED INDONESIAN

CHARGE SUGGESTING HE INVITE WOLFF OR MEMBER OF PARTY, INCLUDING
STAFF TO VISIT EAST TIMOR.

2. IN RESPONSE MY QUESTION WHAT FACILITIES GOI MIGHT OFFER FOR
SUCH VISIT, RUSMIN SAID THEY WOULD PROPOSE FOKK F-28 JET. HE ES-
TIMATED TWO AND ONE HALF HOURS FLYING TIME FOR 11 MILIES. JET WOULD
LAND AT DILI AND BAUCAU AND VISITS OTHER LOCALITIES WOULD BE BY PUMA
HELICOPTERS CURRENTLY ON STATION IN DILI. BY LEAVING EARLY MORNING,
PARTY COULD VISIT EAST TIMOR AND RETURN TO JAKARTA SAME DAY. IF THEY
WISHED OVERNIGHT, AIR CONDITIONED ACCOMODATIONS ARE AVAILABLE IN
DILI. VISIT CLEARLY POSSIBLE WITHIN TIME FRAME CODEL VISIT.

3. I TOLD RUSMIN I THOUGHT THAT OFFER, IN INSELF, WAS CONSTRUCTIVE
STEP IN CURRENT SITUATION. I HOPED, HOWEVER, THEY REALIZED CONGRESS-
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VISITORS COULD BE SKEPTICAL, WOULD WANT CONSIDERABLE FREEDOM OF MOVE-
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AND WOULD WANT OPPORTUNITY TALK TO ANYONE THEY CHOSE. RUSMIN SAID HE
UNDERSTOOD PROBLEM. NATURALLY, THERE WOULD BE RESTRICTIONS FOR SECUR-
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REASONS. OTHER THAN THAT, HE FELT CONGRESSIONAL VISITORS WOULD HAVE
FREEDOM WITHIN AREAS CLEARLY UNDER INDONESIAN CONTROL. EAST TIMOR

OFFICIALS CLEARLY READY RECEIVE AND TALK WITH VISITORS. HE SAID, AT
MOMENT, HOWEVER, GOI INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES OPPOSED ANY PRESS VISITING
EAST TIMOR. I CAUTIONED THAT, WHILE WOLFF SUBCOMMITTEE NOT COMING WIT
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PRESS AS FAR AS I KNEW, SUCH VISIT WOULD GET ATTENTION LOCAL
PRESS AND EXCLUDING THEM COULD CREATE UNFAVORABLEIMPRESSING
WITH CONGRESSMAN. I STRESSED THAT IF CONGRESSMAN FRASER ACCEPTED
THEIR INVITATION TO VISIT DILI, THERE WAS LIKELIHOOD HE WOULD WANT
PRESS TO ACCOMPANY.

4. RUSMIN ASKED WHETHER, IF CONGRESSIONAL VISIT LIKELY, I WOULD
WANT TO VISIT DILI IN ADVANCE. I SAID I WOULD NOT
WISH TO RAISE FURTHER QUESTIONS AT HOME ABOUT OUR OFFICIAL ATTITUDE
ON TIMOR, (THIS WAS BEFORE I SAW DEPTTEL 61228, PARA 4). I MIGHT, HOW-
EVER, SUBJECT TO DEPT.'S VIEWS WISH TO SEND OFFICER TO DILI IN ADVANCE

ANY CONGRESSIONAL VISIT.

5. COMMENT: POSSIBLE CODEL VISIT TO TIMOR HAS MOVED BEYOND
CONTINGENCY STAGE. WHILE THERE ARE PITFALLS IN SUCH EVENT, I
BELIEVE, IF HANDLED CORRECTLY, THIS COULD BE HELPFUL IN PRESENT
SITUATION. REQUEST GUIDANCE ON WHETHER DEPARTMENT WOULD WISH ME VISIT
TIMOR OR SEND OFFICER IN ADVANCE CODEL VISIT.
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